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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of ) Group Art Unit:  
Mario T. Philipp )  
Appln. No. ) Examiner:  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: SURFACE ANTIGENS AND PROTEINS ) December 13, 1999  
USEFUL IN COMPOSITIONS FOR THE )  
DIAGNOSIS AND PREVENTION OF )  
LYME DISEASE )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the application as set forth below.

In the Claims

Cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-9, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23-30, 34, 36-37, 40-46, 50 and 54-65.

**REMARKS**

After entry of this amendment, the claims pending are claims 10-13, 16-17, 19, 21-22, 31-33, 35, 38-39, 47-49, and 51-53. Claims 1-9, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23-30, 34, 36-37, 40-46, 50 and 54-65 are canceled. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

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